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TO ALL STATE EXTENSION DIRECTORS:

Subject: Current Farm Labor News - 7/8

Report on Regional Farm Labor Conferences was mailed earlier this week to each director, to each Farm Labor supervisor and to other Farm Labor personnel in attendance at the conferences. I am certain every director will find much of interest in the conference proceedings, particularly the forward looking statement by Dean Schoenfeld at the Salt Lake City conference, the comprehensive address by Prof. George Hill, University of Wisconsin, at Chicago and the informative talks by Dr. T. N. Hurd of Cornell University and Caesar Hohn, Texas Farm Labor Supervisor. Additional copies of the conference report and of individual addresses are available should any state desire extras.

Farm Labor Legislation. As yet H. R. 2102 as amended by the Senate committee, has not come up for Senate vote. Thinking seems to be that confirmation of Lillienthal must be disposed of first.

It is expected that all Farm Labor information and recruiting material will be in the states about May 1. Three pieces of VFW material have been sent to the states during the past 10 days.

Personnel Changes. In New Mexico, Orren Beaty, state farm labor supervisor since September 1945, is retiring from Extension Service on March 31. He has been associated with New Mexico agriculture for 31 years, and prior to that was employed in agricultural work in Oregon. When he began county agent work in New Mexico in 1916 his duties included conducting of home demonstration work--canning, cooking, etc. Director Fite has placed A. E. Triviz, assistant county agent leader, temporarily in charge of the program, without change in title. He is a former state farm labor supervisor. In Missouri, Director Burch announces, State Supervisor C. E. Klingner has been succeeded by W. J. Murphy, who previously was assistant state supervisor. Director Sanders of Louisiana has announced, effective March 1, the appointment of W. P. Sellers as state farm labor supervisor, to succeed C. E. Kemmerly, Jr., who has become district agent for southeastern Louisiana. Mr. Sellers has served with Mr. Kemmerly as assistant state supervisor.

A note from Roy Moser of Massachusetts, says, "...Labor saving and utilization meetings are scheduled in every county...The Motion picture, 'Time's A-Wastin' is used to illustrate farm work simplification principles. This excellent film clearly illustrates some ways farmers can plan and rearrange their buildings and their work methods to bring greater efficiency...These meetings have been interesting and farmers themselves participate freely in discussions which I have led...We do not minimize importance of properly adapted machinery and equipment, but we are trying to emphasize that there are other ways of saving labor and of making work easier."

Oregon counties report movement of migrants under way....earlier than last year. Also, farmers are placing orders for help earlier than usual. This is believed to be the result of on-farm visits by farm labor assistants.

The number of people working on farms in the U. S., on March 1, 1947, was 4% larger than the number working on March 1, 1946, BAE's "Farm Labor" report says. The increase was evenly divided between family and hired help.

In New Jersey, county boards of agriculture are making contributions to the "Committee on Work Among Migrants of the New Jersey Council of Churches". Field workers of this church committee "are performing a wonderful Christian service to the migratory workers while they are in New Jersey", State Supervisor Taylor says in his March 14 State farm labor news letter.

From Utah, Extension Editor John Stewart sends two copies of the Utah Farmer. One carries a feature story by Bob Fowler, Jr., on the new western farm labor program and farm labor information stations. The other has a Page 1 illustrative feature from the state farm labor shows.

Dr. L. M. Vaughan has just spent a week in Connecticut, Maine and New Hampshire conferring with farm labor staff members and Land-Grant College specialists in labor utilization work.

Yours very truly,

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